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Letter To The Editor

E. C. Baird has written: "I enter the home of poverty, causing palefaced children to open their eyes wide, in pleased wonder.

"I cause the miser's clutched hand to relax, and thus paint a bright spot on his soul.

"I cause the aged to renew their youth and to laugh in the old, glad way.

"I keep romance alive in the heart of childhood, and brighten sleep with dreams woven of magic.

"I cause eager feet to climb dark stairways with filled baskets, leaving behind hearts amazed at the goodness of the world.

"I cause the prodigal to pause a moment on his wild, wasteful way, and send to anxious love some little token that releases glad tears -- tears which wash away the hard lines of sorrow.

"I enter dark prison cells, reminding scarred manhood of what might have been, and pointing forward to good days yet to be.

"I come softly into the still, white home of pain, and lips that are too weak to speak just tremble in silent, eloquent gratitude.

"In a thousand ways I cause the weary world to look up into the face of God, and for a little moment forget the things that are small and wretched.

"I am the Christmas spirit!"

Truly the Christmas Spirit prevailed in Appomattox County in December, 1976! The response of individuals, schools, civic organizations, industry, church groups and others to the needs of children, the aged, the lonely, the less fortunate really warmed many hearts and, indeed, reflected the real meaning of Christmas and caused a small segment of "the weary world to look up into the face of God and for a little moment forget the things that are small and wretched."

In some ways, there are plans for this "Spirit" to continue throughout the year. Let's keep Christmas in our hearts and the hearts of others through the sharing of our love and resources.

Farmville, Va.
January 5, 1977

The Editor
Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sir:

Informed and concerned citizens are not surprised to see that the National Executive Council of the American Federation of Government Employees met recently to develop "the detailed machinery" for a drive to organize members of the armed forces. It does not take much imagination to realize that should the armed forces of the United States be unionized, the discipline and efficiency of the nation's military forces will be inevitably destroyed by the ruinous strikes of a labor organized "army". The fact should not be overlooked that the ultimate weapons -- strikes -- are frequently used by public employee unions despite laws expressly forbidding strikes.

The time has come to realize that American citizens have their most important civil right to enjoy immunity from the nuclear attacks of our arch-enemy -- the Soviet Union. Therefore, the discipline of the armed forces should be maintained by all means. Concerned citizens should urge the 95th Congress to refrain from passing any legislation which would permit the unionization of the armed forces.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Alexander V. Berkis
Professor of History

Mt. Shiloh Service Well Attended

A large crowd of members and friends attended the regular preaching service of the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday. This was first worship service for the New Year. The pastor delivered a challenging message on the theme: "The danger in not looking back." Beautiful music was rendered by the senior choir. The service was enjoyed by all. A special after offering was lifted for the March of Dimes.

The regular preaching service will be held at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m. All members and friends are asked to attend.

A special evening service will be held at the Mount Airy Baptist Church this Sunday evening at 7 P.M. The young minister, Brother R. Q. Lawing, Jr. will bring the message. Special music will be rendered by the Galilee Senior choir. Members and friends are invited to attend.

The general public is invited to attend the regular preaching service at the Zion Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 A.M.

News was received here last Sunday morning of the sudden death of the late Rev. Welbin Gibson, of Baltimore, Md. He was the son of Mrs. Ethel Gibson of Evergreen, Va. Sincere sympathy is extended to all members of the family.

Mrs. Theda Harris is still receiving treatment in the Lynchburg General Hospital. Relatives and friends are praying for her recovery.

All officers and members of the Promise Land Baptist Church are asked to attend the annual church meeting on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in this month at 12 o'clock. The annual program of work for the year will be presented.

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The Pastor Speaks

When we go to a store to make a purchase, the clerk will ask if he can help. We tell the clerk what we need and he responds. This is normal and expected in the purchase of goods.

When we feel badly, when we hurt or ache, we go to the doctor, and he will ask what is the problem. We joke and say that is what we want him to tell us.

People who work in public service, whether doctors, lawyers, teachers, contractors, ministers, and so on, ask what is wanted from them. We waste their time when we do not give thought to the problem or service needed and wait for them to make suggestions.

Jesus had the disturbing habit of asking people what they wanted from him, even though he could often identify other or greater needs. Mark records the incident with blind Bartimaeus who begged for attention from Jesus. (Mark 10:46-52) When Jesus finally noticed him, Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus replied, "Let me have my sight." Jesus told him his faith had made him well and he could see.

For Bartimaeus, his want and need were the same. Bartimaeus received his sight because he linked his need to the source, the power. All healing comes at these points: confessed need and commitment. That is always the means of deliverance. That is true of physical needs ministered by a physician. If you identify the need and do not take the medicine you may expect to take longer to get well or not get well at all. The faith of blind Bartimaeus was the commitment that Jesus could meet his need. Even though we may not know all our needs, that is where we begin. Jesus expects us to give thought to our faith and health and let the need prescribe the cure. To expect Jesus' healing to be otherwise is simply toying with our faith and mocking Jesus.

P. Edward Leonard, Jr.
Minister
Memorial United
Methodist Church

Teachers To Meet Agriculture

About seventy agriculture education teachers in Southside Virginia are expected to attend a conference in the Charlotte Central Junior High School, Thursday, January 20.

A. H. Carter, instructor of agricultural education in the Appomattox County High School, and president of the 14-county group, will preside over the sessions which will begin at 4 P.M.

Tracey Cooter, vice president of the Virginia Association FFA, will make the keynote presentation, His topic will be "FFA - Agriculture's New Generation."

Others scheduled to make presentations are R. B. Carter, member of the State Advisory Council on Vocational Education, and G. E. Anderson, instructor of agricultural education in the Halifax County Senior High School.

The group will be welcomed to Charlotte by Burl R. Clements, principasl of the host school. Special guests of the teachers will be VPI&SU seniors in agricultural education now doing student teaching in Southside Virginia. They are Nita Tiffoison, Charles Cole, Claude Morris, Appomattox County High School; Jesse Morgan, Dave Eddins, Randolph-Henry High School; and Walter Robinson and James Hisghman, William Campbell High School.

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The Sunday School Lesson

Comments by Lawrence W. Althouse

Lesson for January 16, 1977

Background Scripture: Mark 1:14, 15; Luke 4:14-30.

Devotional Reading: Isiah 61; 1-4.

The story of Jesus' return to Nazareth following his baptism by John is hardly a good text on "How to win friends and influence people!"

Yet, it might have been. Actually, it seemed to get off to a good start. Jesus, Luke tells us, did not return directly from his baptism in Judea to Nazareth, but went preaching and teaching in the towns of Galilee. So impressed were the people who heard him that "a report concerning him went out through all the surrounding country" (4:14). It was a good report, too, for Luke says, "... he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all" (4:15).

The Home Synagogue

It wasn't long before his reputation spread to his own home town of Nazareth, so that when it was learned that he had at last returned home, his presence in the synagogue was anticipated with much interest. Because of the reputation that had reached them, the authorities of the synagogue treated him as an honored guest, passing to him to read the scroll of Isaiah, a mark of respect.

Jesus stood to read the scroll — as was the custom — and turned to a passage that he chose in order to communicate his mission to his own people. Part of what he read was from Isaiah 58:6 and part from Isaiah 61:1,2 passages in which the Prophet Isaiah speaks of the role of God's "servant." Luke describes the tense moment as he closed the scroll: ". . .and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him" (4:20). Anxiously they waited for his comment.

"Today," said Jesus, "this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (4:21). That was all, nothing more.

It wasn't quite the message they might have expected from one whom some said was the Messiah. Few people associated Isaiah's servant passages with the expectation of the Messiah. They were looking for a powerful ruler, military leader, a liberator to throw off the Roman oppression. Jesus, however, saw his mission as one of preaching "good news to the poor," proclaiming "release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (4:18, 19).

A Local Boy

Even to this, however, they responded favorably at first, but then they began to question: "Is not this Joseph's son?" (Not only did other people believe "nothing good" could come out of Nazareth, but apparently they did too!). Sensing this, Jesus said: ". . .no prophet is acceptable in his own country" (4:24).

Jesus then went on to remind them of two passages of scripture in which God bestowed his grace, not upon one of his "chosen people," but upon a gentile. The meaning, of course, was that their perception of God was too provincial, narrow, and limiting. That is the real reason why they could not accept him in his own home country.

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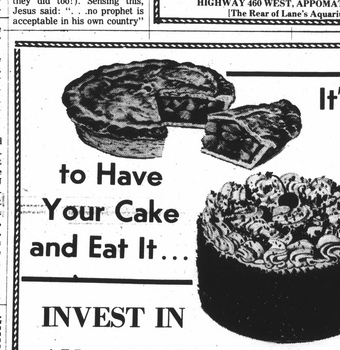

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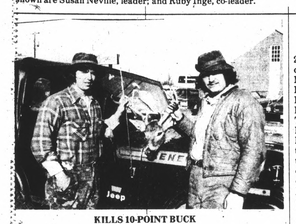
Pamplin Brownies Held Services

At the Pamplin Elementary School on January 4th, Investiture Services were held for Brownie Troop 328. Sixteen of the girls received their Brownie and World Association Pins and became active members of the newly formed Pamplin Brownie Troop.

Brownies of Troop 328 shown above are Eliza Gray, Carol Giffin, Pam Hamlett, Dianne Hamlin, Rena Hammer, Candace Hix, Genessa Hix, Darlene Hix, Sally Inge, Amy Morris, Holly Neville, Kelly Neville, Carol Pollard, Kellie Tolley, Tara Walker, Arlinda Wesley and Sheral Wesley. Also shown are Susan Neville, leader; and Ruby Inge, co-leader.



KILLS 10-POINT BUCK

Mlke Shull of Concord and Donnie Roach of Appomattox are shown in photo with 10-point buck killed on Tuesday of last week in Hixburg by Mike Shull. This was his first deer of the season.

Chestnut Grove

JANUARY 3 - Thursday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senger were Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wood and Alex Bell of Nokesville and Mrs. Edith Zeccorda of Wisconsin.

Rev. and Mrs. William H. Voorhes and Clinice and a friend, all of Wilmington, N. C. spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey N. Morris and visited several homes in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke West and Son of Sevierville, Tenn. spent a part of last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Harris. Little Becky Morris has returned home from Southside Hospital after being a patient there for several days.

Several from this community attended the funeral for Miss Fannie Mann, sister of Bob Mann, in Chilhowie Monday. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Gladys Morris of Bethesda, Maryland spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Beulah Morris, and brother, Bruce.

Saturday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Simpson at Prospect were Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Beasley, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Gil Price and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Repass.

Mrs. Rice Seay of Andersonville was a Monday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris.

Mrs. Robert Metcalf, Bobby and Mary Ann returned to their home at Virginia Beach Thursday after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook.

The hunters in the neighborhood and their families enjoyed a ham barbecue Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Glover's at Hixburg.

The Chestnut Grove Homemakers Club met Monday with the Andersonville Club in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coleman. Mr. and Mrs. A.N. Morris were Friday supper guest of Mrs. Louie Foster of Farmville.

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Oakville

Tuesday night, December 28th dinner guest who stayed overnight with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter were Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Smith of Lynchburg, Mrs. L. K. Bussey, Jr. of Roanoke, Mr. G. W. Taylor of Tennessee, Mrs. M. W. Drinkard of Oakville. Mrs. C. T. Moses visited with them during the evening. All enjoyed the old time game of Authors. A delightful over night stay was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Milton Hunter of Brookneal visited in this home the next morning. On Wednesday the sisters visited several families in Oakville including the Beryl Covingtons, and the E. B. Drinkards and enjoyed seeing their new homes and Christmas decorations. The six sisters, Mr. Burnett Smith and Marietta and David Irby had lunch at the home of Mrs. Melvin Drinkard. It was a wonderful time to get together as a family.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Melvin Drinkard were Marietta and David Irby, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Drinkard, Mark, Scott and Jeffery.

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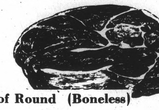

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